

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. Footwear having plastic or rubber soles and having protruding hang tabs from the soles for use in the pairing of the footwear together, comprising:

5 a) each sole having a plurality of protruding hang tabs connected at spaced-apart positions along a perimeter edging of said sole;

b) said plurality of hang tabs including a first hang tab positioned on the toe end of said sole, a second hang tab positioned on the heel end of said sole, a third hang tab positioned on the inside section of said sole, and a fourth hang tab positioned on the outside section of said
10 sole;

c) one or more of said hang tabs having fastening means attached thereto for connecting a pair of said soles; and

d) said hang tabs being removable from said soles after purchase of the footwear.

15 2. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each hang tab is a geometric-shaped hang tab.

3. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 2, wherein said geometric-shaped hang tab is selected from a group consisting of a rectangular shape, a triangular shape,
20 a semi-circular shape and a semi-oval shape.

4. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each of said hang tabs is in the same horizontal plane as said sole.
- 5 5. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each of said hang tabs is removed from said sole by cutting-off of said hang tabs at said perimeter edging of said sole after purchase.
6. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said fastening
10 means are selected from a group consisting of swiftach fasteners, tie and tag fasteners, plastic tie fasteners and staples.
7. Footwear having plastic or rubber soles and having protruding hang tabs from the soles for use in the pairing of the footwear together, comprising:
- 15 a) each sole having a pair of protruding hang tabs connected at spaced-apart positions along a perimeter edging of said sole;
- b) said pair of hang tabs including a first hang tab positioned on the toe end of said sole and a second hang tab positioned on the heel end of said sole;
- c) one or more of said hang tabs having fastening means attached thereto for connecting
20 a pair of said soles; and
- d) said hang tabs being removable from said soles after purchase of the footwear.

8. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 7, wherein each hang tab is a geometric-shaped hang tab.

5 9. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 7, wherein each of said hang tabs is in the same horizontal plane as said sole.

10. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 7, wherein each of said hang tabs is removed from said sole by cutting-off of said hang tabs at said perimeter edging of said
10 sole after purchase.

11. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 7, wherein said fastening means are selected from a group consisting of swiftach fasteners, tie and tag fasteners, plastic tie fasteners and staples.

15 12. Footwear having plastic or rubber soles and having protruding hang tabs from the soles for use in the pairing of the footwear together, comprising:

a) each sole having a pair of protruding hang tabs connected at spaced-apart positions along a perimeter edging of said sole;

20 b) said pair of hang tabs including a first hang tab positioned on the inside section of said sole, and a second hang tab positioned on the outside section of said sole;

c) one or more of said hang tabs having fastening means attached thereto for connecting a pair of said soles; and

d) said hang tabs being removable from said soles after purchase of the footwear.

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13. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 12, wherein each hang tab is a geometric-shaped hang tab.

14. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 12, wherein each of said hang
10 tabs is in the same horizontal plane as said sole.

15. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 12, wherein each of said hang tabs is removed from said sole by cutting-off of said hang tabs at said perimeter edging of said sole after purchase.

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16. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 12, wherein said fastening means are selected from a group consisting of swiftach fasteners, tie and tag fasteners, plastic tie fasteners and staples.

17. Footwear having plastic or rubber soles and having protruding hang tabs from the soles for use in the pairing of the footwear together, comprising:

a) each sole having a pair of protruding hang tabs connected at spaced-apart positions along a perimeter edging of said sole;

b) said pair of hang tabs including a first hang tab positioned on the toe end of said sole, and a second hang tab positioned on the inside section of said sole;

c) each of said hang tabs having fastening means attached thereto for connecting a pair of said soles; and

d) said hang tabs being removable from said soles after purchase of the footwear.

18. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 17, wherein each hang tab is a geometric-shaped hang tab.

19. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 17, wherein each of said hang tabs is in the same horizontal plane as said sole.

20. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 17, wherein each of said hang tabs is removed from said sole by cutting-off of said hang tabs at said perimeter edging of said sole after purchase.

21. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 17, wherein said fastening means are selected from a group consisting of swiftach fasteners, tie and tag fasteners, plastic tie fasteners and staples.

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22. Footwear having plastic or rubber soles and having protruding hang tabs from the soles for use in the pairing of the footwear together, comprising:

a) each sole having a pair of protruding hang tabs connected at spaced-apart positions along a perimeter edging of said sole;

10 b) said pair of hang tabs including a first hang tab positioned on the heel end of said sole, and a second hang tab positioned on the outside section of said sole;

c) one or more of said hang tabs having fastening means attached thereto for connecting a pair of said soles; and

d) said hang tabs being removable from said soles after purchase of the footwear.

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23. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 22, wherein each hang tab is a geometric-shaped hang tab.

24. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 22, wherein each of said hang
20 tabs is in the same horizontal plane as said sole.

25. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 22, wherein each of said hang tabs is removed from said sole by cutting-off of said hang tabs at said perimeter edging of said sole after purchase.

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26. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 22, wherein said fastening means are selected from a group consisting of swiftach fasteners, tie and tag fasteners, plastic tie fasteners and staples.

10 27. Footwear having plastic or rubber soles and having protruding hang tabs from the soles for use in the pairing of the footwear together, comprising:

a) each sole having a protruding hang tab connected at a single position along a perimeter edging of said sole;

b) said single hang tab having a first hang tab positioned on the toe end of said sole;

15 c) said hang tab having fastening means attached thereto for connecting a pair of said soles; and

d) said hang tabs being removable from said soles after purchase of the footwear.

28. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 27, wherein each hang tab is
20 a geometric-shaped hang tab.

29. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 27, wherein each of said hang tabs is in the same horizontal plane as said sole.

5 30. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 27, wherein each of said hang tabs is removed from said sole by cutting-off of said hang tabs at said perimeter edging of said sole after purchase.

31. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 27, wherein said fastening
10 means are selected from a group consisting of swiftach fasteners, tie and tag fasteners, plastic tie fasteners and staples.

32. Footwear having plastic or rubber soles and having protruding hang tabs from the soles for use in the pairing of the footwear together, comprising:

15 a) each sole having a protruding hang tab connected at a single position along a perimeter edging of said sole;

b) said single of hang tab having a first hang tab positioned on the heel end of said sole;

c) said hang tab having fastening means attached thereto for connecting a pair of said soles; and

20 d) said hang tabs being removable from said soles after purchase of the footwear.

33. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 32, wherein each hang tab is a geometric-shaped hang tab.

5 34. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 32, wherein each of said hang tabs is in the same horizontal plane as said sole.

35. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 32, wherein each of said hang tabs is removed from said sole by cutting-off of said hang tabs at said perimeter edging of said
10 sole after purchase.

36. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 32, wherein said fastening means are selected from a group consisting of swiftach fasteners, tie and tag fasteners, plastic tie fasteners and staples.

15 37. Footwear having plastic or rubber soles and having protruding hang tabs from the soles for use in the pairing of the footwear together, comprising:

a) each sole having a protruding hang tab connected at a single position along a perimeter edging of said sole;

20 b) said single hang tab having a first hang tab positioned on the inside section of said sole;

c) said hang tab having fastening means attached thereto for connecting a pair of said soles; and

d) said hang tabs being removable from said soles after purchase of the footwear.

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38. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 37, wherein each hang tab is a geometric-shaped hang tab.

39. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 37, wherein each of said hang
10 tabs is in the same horizontal plane as said sole.

40. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 37, wherein each of said hang tabs is removed from said sole by cutting-off of said hang tabs at said perimeter edging of said sole after purchase.

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41. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 37, wherein said fastening means are selected from a group consisting of swiftach fasteners, tie and tag fasteners, plastic tie fasteners and staples.

42. Footwear having plastic or rubber soles and having protruding hang tabs from the soles for use in the pairing of the footwear together, comprising:

a) each sole having a protruding hang tab connected at a single position along a
5 perimeter edging of said sole;

b) said single hang tab having a first hang tab positioned on the outside section of said sole;

c) said hang tab having fastening means attached thereto for connecting a pair of said soles; and

d) said hang tabs being removable from said soles after purchase of the footwear.

43. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 42, wherein each hang tab is a geometric-shaped hang tab.

44. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 42, wherein each of said hang tabs is in the same horizontal plane as said sole.

45. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 42, wherein each of said hang tabs is removed from said sole by cutting-off of said hang tabs at said perimeter edging of said
20 sole after purchase.

46. Footwear protruding hang tabs in accordance with Claim 42, wherein said fastening means are selected from a group consisting of swiftach fasteners, tie and tag fasteners, plastic tie fasteners and staples.